



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

**Date:** June 18, 2013

**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:** Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways and Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** **Public Hearing for Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report**

**Recommendation:**

- A. Receive public comments, and direct Public Works to respond to public input regarding the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and NPDES MS4 Phase I Permit Annual Report for 2012 Activities. This activity is pursuant to Part V Section C.1.f) of the January 21, 2011 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit # MN0061018 issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to the City and the MPRB as co-permittees; and
- B. Adopt the Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and NPDES MS4 Phase I Permit Annual Report for 2012 Activities by formal resolution

**Previous Directives:**

- April 30, 2013 – T&PW Committee set the date for the Public Hearing, as required by the NPDES MS4 Permit, as June 18, 2013
- September 23, 2011 – Authorized submittal of the Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Department Information:**

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Presenters in Committee: Lois Eberhart

**Reviews NA**

## **Financial Impact**

- Action is within the Business Plan

## **Community Impact**

- Neighborhood Notification: A notice was sent to all neighborhood organizations and other interested parties (see Attachment) to inform them about accessing the Stormwater Management Program, and advising them of the opportunity to provide comments at the public hearing or in writing.
- City Goals: A Safe Place To Call Home -- quality of life; a healthy environment; the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained. Enriched Environment -- plentiful green spaces; lakes, rivers and the soil and air will be clean. A Premier Destination -- the country will see Minneapolis as a national treasure.
- Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Code
- Other

## **Supporting Information**

### History

The Minneapolis stormwater management program endeavors to protect people, property and the environment, to meet or surpass regulatory requirements, to maintain and enhance infrastructure, to provide cost-effective services, to educate and engage the public and stakeholders, and to enhance livability and safety. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program was created in 1990 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Clean Water Act. Under this program, specific permits are issued in an effort to regulate municipal, industrial and construction activities. Minneapolis maintains two distinct NPDES permits: one is the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Permit that regulates combined storm and wastewater discharges from the sanitary sewer system, and on which the City and the Metropolitan Council are co-permittees. The second is the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit that regulates stormwater runoff discharges from the storm drain system, and on which the City and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) are co-permittees.

As a municipality with a population greater than 100,000, Minneapolis is permitted under Federal requirements as a Phase 1 MS4 community. The primary goal of the MS4 permit is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of waters of the state through management and treatment of urban stormwater runoff. The first permit for Minneapolis, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and State Disposal System (SDS) Permit # MN0061018, was issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in December 2000. A modified Permit bearing the same Permit # was issued in January 2011. Under the January 2011 Permit, the City and the MPRB were required to prepare a new Stormwater Management Program (Program) for submittal to the MPCA in September 2011. It remains a draft Program until a final determination of approval is received from the MPCA Commissioner. The draft Program can be viewed on the City's web site at the following link:

[http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/publicworks/stormwater/stormwater\\_npdesannualreportdocuments](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/publicworks/stormwater/stormwater_npdesannualreportdocuments)

## **A. Annual Reporting and Public Comment**

The Permit requires that the City prepare and submit an Annual Report by June 30 of each year, addressing the previous year's Permit activities. The Permit requires that opportunities be made for the general public to provide comments regarding the Stormwater Management Program. The comments must be solicited and received prior to the Annual Report submittal to the MPCA. This public hearing is an opportunity for oral comments. The cutoff date for written comments by the general public regarding this year's draft Annual Report is Noon on Friday, June 21, 2013. Instructions for public comments are

on the following web site:

[http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/publicworks/stormwater/stormwater\\_npdesannualreportdocuments](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/publicworks/stormwater/stormwater_npdesannualreportdocuments)

A summary of the public's input, and the City's response to those comments, will be included in the final Annual Report as required.

**B. Adoption**

The City Council's formal resolution of adoption must also be submitted to the MPCA along with the final Annual Report.

Att.: List of Recipients of Annual Report for Review and Comment

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**Attachment: List of Recipients of Annual Report for Review and Comment**